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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: South China/North Vietnam Photographic  
Reconnaissance, 19-20 July 1967

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. On 19 and 20 July 1967, three photographic [ ] reconnaissance sorties were flown by Agency A-12 and U-2 aircraft over South China and North Vietnam territory. These were A-12 missions BX6709 (19 July Zulu) and BX6710 (20 July Zulu) and U-2 mission C237C (20 July Zulu). The first of the sorties (BX6709) entered denied territory at 0424Z/19 July and the last of the sorties (C237C) exited denied area at 0632Z/20 July, a total elapsed time of only 26 hours and 08 minutes from first entry to last exit. 25X1A
3. Some rather significant accomplishments I believe of interest to you were achieved in this short span of time.
  - a. First back-to-back A-12 sorties.
  - b. First simultaneous overflight by A-12 and U-2 aircraft.
  - c. Approximately 58,000 square miles of 1.0 to 3.0 feet resolution photography completed.
  - d. Priority SSM Targets NVN photographed - 9
  - e. COMOR Targets in NVN photographed - 33
  - f. Priority I China COMOR Targets covered - 12
  - g. Priority II China COMOR Targets covered - 6
  - h. Other China COMOR Targets covered - 14
  - i. NVN SAM Sites photographed - 186

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j. NVN Sam Sites determined occupied - 16

k. New SAM Sites identified NVN - 6

Individual sortie statistics are reflected in the attachment.

4. In addition to the listed coverages, these sorties photographed numerous other tactical targets such as power plants, industrial complexes, rail-heads/lines, barracks areas, warehouse areas and new construction areas.

5. This is quite a dramatic demonstration of this Agency's capability to provide high-resolution wide-swath photography quickly responsive to weather patterns. In addition, it is an actual demonstration that the A-12 is the only low-vulnerability manned reconnaissance vehicle capable of providing such photography over a SAM-defended area.

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Attachment - 1  
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- 1 - ER via DCI (W/att)
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- 6 - D/SA (W/att)
- 7 - D/O/OSA (W/att)
- 8 - OXC/O/OSA (W/att)
- 9 - INTEL/O/OSA (W/att)
- 10 - RB/OSA (W/O att)

<u>MSN #</u>	<u>PRIORITY 1 COMOR TGTS COVERED</u>	<u>PRIORITY 2 COMOR TGTS COVERED</u>	<u>OTHER COMOR TGTS COVERED</u>	<u>SAM SITES COVERED NVN</u>	<u>SAM SITES OCCUPIED NVN</u>	<u>NEW SAM SITES IDENTIFIED NVN</u>	<u>SQ. MILES OF PHOTOGRAPHY *</u>	<u>SSM PRIORITY TARGETS</u>
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NORTH VIETNAM

BX6709 (A-12)	12	0	9	166	12	4	17, 960	5
BX6710 (A-12)	9 (4 dupl)	0	9 (2 dupl)	80 (60 dupl)	5 (1 dupl)	2	18, 070	7 (3 dupl)

CHINA

C237C (U-2)	12	6	14				21, 475	
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>57, 505</u>	

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